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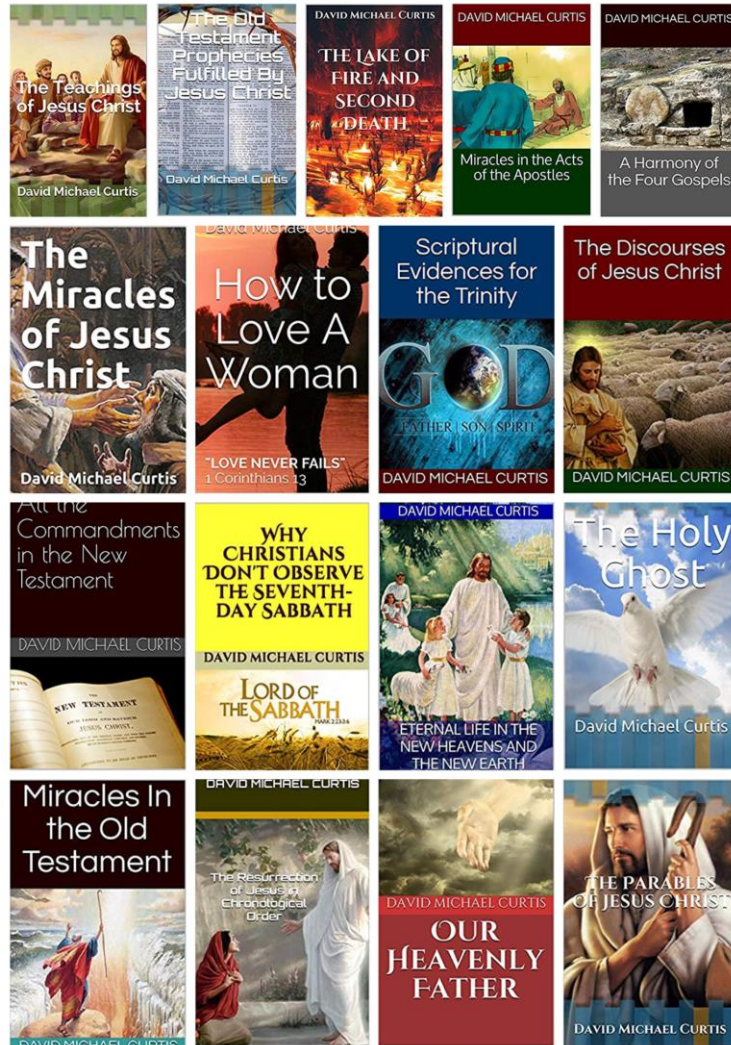
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I am a sinner saved by God's grace. I have been baptized, and I confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. I trust in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of my sins and the gift of eternal life.

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A Helpful Illustration Describing this Topical Bible Study eBook

The tallest trees in the world are the Redwoods in Northern California. The Redwoods share a single network of roots; this root system connects **all** the Redwoods trees. This means the Redwoods Forest is also the largest single living organism in the world.

Imagine that each doctrine of the Bible is a giant Redwood tree supported by 30-40 roots (Bible verses). Examine the neighboring doctrines that share a root system (Bible verses) with that doctrine. Understand that under its surface, all the doctrines are connected by one massive root system within the Bible. My books *show how the various doctrines interconnect and share the same roots, supporting and depending on each other.*

My books use the Bible as its own interpreter, providing all the verses on whichever doctrine is being studied, topically arranged, without commentary. Christ is the only Teacher you need. He promised that you would know the truth, and the truth would set you free.

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The First Three of the Ten Commandments

I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me

Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to any graven image

Exodus 20:4-6 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath*, or that *is in the water under the earth*: **Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them**: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain

Exodus 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only

Matthew 4:9-10 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, **Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.**

Keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

1 John 5:21 Little children, **keep yourselves from idols. Amen.**

Worship

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verb

wor·ship 'wər-shəp also 'wôr-

worshipped *also* worshiped; worshipping *also* worshiping
transitive verb

1 : to honor or show reverence for as a divine being or supernatural power

2 : to regard with great or extravagant respect, honor, or devotion

a celebrity *worshipped* by her fans

worshipper **noun**

or less commonly worshiper

1 : reverence offered a divine being or supernatural power *also* : an act of expressing such reverence

2 : a form of religious practice with its creed and ritual

3 : extravagant respect or admiration for or devotion to an object of esteem *worship* of the dollar

4 chiefly British : a person of importance —used as a title for various officials (such as magistrates and some mayors)

Verb: adore, deify, glorify, revere, reverence, venerate

Noun: adulation, deification, hero worship, idolatry, idolization, worshipping, worshiping

Synonym for worship

REVERE, REVERENCE, VENERATE, WORSHIP, ADORE mean to honor and admire profoundly and respectfully.

REVERE stresses deference and tenderness of feeling.

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REVERENCE presupposes an intrinsic merit and inviolability in the one honored and a similar depth of feeling in the one honoring.

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WORSHIP implies homage usually expressed in words or ceremony.

worships their memory

ADORE implies love and stresses the notion of an individual and personal attachment.

we adored our doctor

Venerate

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verb

ven·er·ate ['ve-nə-rāt](#)

venerated; venerating
[transitive verb](#)

1 : to regard with reverential respect or with admiring deference

2 : to honor (an icon, a relic, etc.) with a ritual act of devotion

venerator

['ve-nə-rā-tər](#)

Did you know?

Venerate comes from the Latin root *venerārī*, which has the various meanings of "to solicit the good will of," "**to worship**," "to pay homage to," and "to hold in awe." That root is related to [Venus](#), which, as a proper noun, is the name of the Roman goddess of love and beauty.

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Idolatry

Forbidden.

Exodus 20:2-3 I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

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Bowing down to Images.

Exodus 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the Fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

Also **Deuteronomy 5:9**.

Worshiping Images.

Isaiah 44:17 And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou Art my god.

Also **Daniel 3:5,10,15**.

Sacrificing to Images.

Psalms 106:38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the Idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.

Also **Acts 7:41**.

Worshiping other gods.

Deuteronomy 30:17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

Also **Psalms 81:9**.

Swearing by other gods.

Exodus 23:13 And in all things that I have said unto you be Circumspect: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

Also **Joshua 23:7**.

Walking after other gods.

Deuteronomy 8:19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

Speaking in the name of other gods.

Deuteronomy 18:20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

Looking to other gods.

Hosea 3:1 Then said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.

Serving other gods.

Deuteronomy 7:4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the Anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

Also **Jeremiah 5:19**.

Fearing other gods.

2 Kings 17:35 With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:

Sacrificing to other gods.

Exodus 22:20 He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

Worshiping the true God by an image, ect.

Exodus 32:4-6 And he received *them* at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These *be* thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And when Aaron saw *it*, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow *is* a feast to the LORD. And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

Also **Psalms 106:19-20**.

Worshiping Angels.

Colossians 2:18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of Angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

Worshiping the host of heaven.

Deuteronomy 4:19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

Also **Deuteronomy 17:3**.

Worshiping demons.

Matthew 4:9-10 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, **Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.**

Also **Revelation 9:20**.

Worshiping Dead men.

Psalms 106:28 They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the Dead.

Setting up Idols in the heart.

Ezekiel 14:3-4 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them? Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;

Covetousness.

Ephesians 5:5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor Covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Also **Colossians 3:5**.

Sensuality.

Philippians 3:19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

Is changing the glory of God into an image.

Romans 1:23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Also **Acts 17:29**.

Is changing the truth of God into a lie.

Romans 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Also **Isaiah 44:20**.

Is a work of the flesh.

Galatians 5:19-20 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Incompatible with the service of God.

Genesis 35:2-3 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that *were* with him, Put away the strange gods that *are* among you, and be clean, and change your garments: And let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.

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An Abomination to God.

Deuteronomy 7:25 The graven Images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an Abomination to the LORD thy God.

Hateful to God.

Deuteronomy 16:22 Neither shalt thou set thee up any image; which the LORD thy God hateth.

Also **Jeremiah 44:4**.

Vain and foolish.

Psalms 115:4-8 Their idols *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them; *so is* every one that trusteth in them.

Also **Isaiah 44:19**; **Jeremiah 10:3**.

Bloody.

Ezekiel 23:39 For when they had slain their children to their Idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of mine house.

Abominable.

1 Peter 4:3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, Banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

Unprofitable.

Judges 10:14 Go and cry unto the gods which ye have Chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your Tribulation.

Also **Isaiah 46:7**.

Irrational.

Acts 17:29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by Art and man's device.

Also **Romans 1:21-23**.

Defiling.

Ezekiel 20:7 Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the Idols of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

Also **Ezekiel 36:18**.

THEY WHO PRACTICE,

Forget God.

Deuteronomy 8:19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

Also **Jeremiah 18:15**.

Go astray from God.

Ezekiel 44:10 And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their Idols; they shall even bear their iniquity.

Pollute the name of God.

Ezekiel 20:39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; Go ye, serve ye every one his Idols, and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your Idols.

Defile the sanctuary of God.

Ezekiel 5:11 Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD; Surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish thee; neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity.

Are estranged from God.

Ezekiel 14:5 That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their Idols.

Forsake God.

2 Kings 22:17 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to Anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

Also **Jeremiah 16:11**.

Hate God.

2 Chronicles 19:2-3 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore *is* wrath upon thee from before the LORD. Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

Provoke God.

Deuteronomy 31:20 For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swear unto their Fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant.

Also **Isaiah 65:3; Jeremiah 25:6.**

Are vain in their imaginations.

Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Are ignorant and foolish.

Romans 1:21-22 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Inflame themselves.

Isaiah 57:5 Enflaming yourselves with Idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks?

Hold fast their deceit.

Jeremiah 8:5 Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.

Carried away by it.

1 Corinthians 12:2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb Idols, even as ye were led.

Go after it in heart.

Ezekiel 20:16 Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my Sabbaths: for their heart went after their Idols.

Are mad upon it.

Jeremiah 50:38 A drought is upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it is the land of graven Images, and they are mad upon their Idols.

Boast of it.

Psalms 97:7 Confounded be all they that serve graven Images, that boast themselves of Idols: worship him, all ye gods.

Have Fellowship with devils.

Hosea 4:12 My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of Whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.

Ask counsel of their Idols.

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Look to Idols for deliverance.

Isaiah 44:17 And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou Art my god.

Also **Isaiah 45:20**.

Swear by their Idols.

Amos 8:14 They that swear by the Sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of Beersheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

Objects of, numerous.

1 Corinthians 8:5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

OBJECTS OF, DESCRIBED AS

Strange gods.

Genesis 35:2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments:

Also **Genesis 35:4**.

Other gods.

Judges 2:12 And they forsook the LORD God of their Fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to Anger.

Also **Judges 2:17; 1 Kings 14:9**.

New gods.

Deuteronomy 32:17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your Fathers feared not.

Also **Judges 5:8**.

Gods that cannot save.

Isaiah 45:20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.

Gods that have not made the heavens.

Jeremiah 10:11 Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

No gods.

Jeremiah 5:7 How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.

Also **Galatians 4:8**.

Molten gods.

Exodus 34:17 Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.

Also **Leviticus 19:4**.

Molten Images.

Deuteronomy 27:15 Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an Abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

Also **Habakkuk 2:18**.

Graven Images.

Isaiah 45:20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.

Also **Hosea 11:2**.

Senseless Idols.

Deuteronomy 4:28 And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

Also **Psalms 115:5,7**.

Dumb Idols.

Habakkuk 2:18 What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb Idols?

Also **1 Corinthians 12:2**.

Dumb stones.

Habakkuk 2:19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall Teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it.

Stocks.

Jeremiah 3:9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her Whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.

Also **Hosea 4:12**.

Abominations.

Isaiah 44:19 And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an Abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?

Also **Jeremiah 32:34**.

Images of Abomination.

Ezekiel 7:20 As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty: but they made the Images of their abominations and of their detestable things therein: therefore have I set it far from them.

Idols of Abomination.

Ezekiel 16:36 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy Whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the Idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them;

Stumbling blocks.

Ezekiel 14:3 Son of man, these men have set up their Idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them?

Teachers of lies.

Habakkuk 2:18 What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb Idols?

Wind and confusion.

Isaiah 41:29 Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing: their molten Images are wind and confusion.

Nothing.

Isaiah 41:24 Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an Abomination is he that chooseth you.

Also **1 Corinthians 8:4**.

Helpless.

Jeremiah 10:5 They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.

Vanity.

Jeremiah 18:15 Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up;

Vanities of the Gentiles.

Jeremiah 14:22 Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause Rain? or can the heavens give showers? Art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things.

Making Idols for the purpose of, described and ridiculed.

Isaiah 44:10-20 Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image *that* is profitable for nothing? Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they *are* of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; *yet* they shall fear, *and* they shall be ashamed together. The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, and is faint. The carpenter stretcheth out *his* rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house. He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish *it*. Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth *it*, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth *it*; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto. He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth *himself*, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire: And the residue thereof he maketh a god, *even* his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth *it*, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou *art* my god. They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; *and* their hearts, that they cannot understand. And none considereth in his heart, neither *is there* knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten *it*: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree? He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, *Is there* not a lie in my right hand?

Obstinate sinners judicially given up to.

Deuteronomy 4:28 And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

Also **Deuteronomy 28:64; Hosea 4:17**.

Warnings against.

Deuteronomy 4:15-19 Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day *that* the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: Lest ye corrupt *yourselves*, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, The likeness of any beast that *is* on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that *is* in the waters beneath the earth: And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, *even* all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

Exhortations to turn from.

Ezekiel 14:6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your Idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

Also Ezekiel 20:7; Acts 14:15.

Renounced on conversion.

1 Thessalonians 1:9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from Idols to serve the living and true God;

Led to abominable Sins.

Romans 1:26-32 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Also **Acts 15:20**.

Saints SHOULD

Keep from.

Joshua 23:7 That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them:

Also **1 John 5:21**.

Flee from.

1 Corinthians 10:14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

Not have anything connected with them, in their houses.

Deuteronomy 7:26 Neither shalt thou bring an Abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly Abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.

Not partake of anything connected with.

1 Corinthians 10:19-20 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? But *I say*, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

Not have religious intercourse with those who practice.

Joshua 23:7 That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them:

Also **1 Corinthians 5:11**.

Not covenant with those who practice.

Exodus 34:12 Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee:

Also **Exodus 34:15**.

Not intermarry with those who practice.

Exodus 34:16 And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.

Also **Deuteronomy 7:3**.

Testify against.

Acts 14:15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

Also **Acts 19:26**.

Refuse to engage in, though threatened with Death.

Daniel 3:18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the Golden Image which thou hast set up.

Saints preserved by God from.

1 Kings 19:18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

Also **Romans 11:4**.

Saints refuse to receive the worship of.

Acts 10:25 And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

Also **Acts 14:11-15.**

Angels refuse to receive the worship of.

Revelation 22:8-9 And I John saw these things, and heard *them*. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See *thou do it* not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

Destruction of, promised.

Ezekiel 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your Idols, will I cleanse you.

Also **Zechariah 13:2.**

Everything connected with, should be destroyed.

Exodus 34:13 But ye shall destroy their Altars, break their Images, and cut down their Groves:

Also **Deuteronomy 7:5; 2 Samuel 5:21; 2 Kings 23:14.**

Woe denounced against.

Habakkuk 2:19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall Teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it.

Curse denounced against.

Deuteronomy 27:15 Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an Abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

PUNISHMENT OF;

Judicial Death.

Deuteronomy 17:2-5 If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant, And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; And it be told thee, and thou hast heard *of it*, and inquired diligently, and, behold, *it be true, and* the thing certain, *that* such abomination is wrought in Israel: Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, *even* that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die.

Dreadful judgments which end in Death.

Jeremiah 8:2 And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.

Also **Jeremiah 16:1-11**.

Banishment.

Jeremiah 8:3 And Death shall be Chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the LORD of hosts.

Also **Hosea 8:5-8; Amos 5:26-27**.

Exclusion from heaven.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 ¶ Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Eternal torments.

Revelation 14:9-11 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

Also **Revelation 21:8**.

Exemplified.

Israel,

Exodus 32:1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

Also **2 Kings 17:12**.

Philistines,

Judges 16:23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.

Micah,

Judges 17:4-5 Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred *shekels* of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah. And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

Jeroboam,

1 Kings 12:28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Maachah,

1 Kings 15:13 And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from being queen, because she had made an Idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her Idol, and burnt it by the brook Kidron.

Ahab,

1 Kings 16:31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a Light thing for him to walk in the Sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

Jezebel,

1 Kings 18:19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto Mount Carmel, and the Prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the Prophets of the Groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

Sennacherib,

2 Kings 19:37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

Manasseh,

2 Kings 21:4-7 And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke *him* to anger. And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:

Amon,

2 Kings 21:21 And he walked in all the way that his Father walked in, and served the Idols that his Father served, and worshipped them:

Ahaz,

2 Chronicles 28:3 Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

Judah,

Jeremiah 11:13 For according to the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up Altars to that shameful thing, even Altars to burn incense unto Baal.

Nebuchadnezzar,

Daniel 3:1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

Belshazzar,

Daniel 5:23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:

People of Lystra,

Acts 14:11-12 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

Athenians,

Acts 17:16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

Ephesians,

Acts 19:28 And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

Zeal against Exemplified.

Asa,

1 Kings 15:12 And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the Idols that his Fathers had made.

Josiah,

2 Kings 23:5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.

Jehoshaphat,

2 Chronicles 17:6 And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the LORD: moreover he took away the high places and Groves out of Judah.

Israel,

2 Chronicles 31:1 Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and brake the Images in pieces, and cut down the Groves, and threw down the high places and the Altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.

Manasseh,

2 Chronicles 33:15 And he took away the strange gods, and the Idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the Altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city.

All forms of, forbidden by the law of Moses.

Exodus 20:4-5 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

All heathen nations given up to.

Psalms 96:5 For all the gods of the nations are Idols: but the LORD made the heavens.

Also **Romans 1:23,25; 1 Corinthians 12:2.**

Led the heathen to think that their gods visited the earth in bodily shapes.

Acts 14:11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

Led the heathen to consider their gods to have but a local influence.

1 Kings 20:23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

Also **2 Kings 17:26.**

OBJECTS OF;

The heavenly bodies.

2 Kings 23:5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.

Also **Acts 7:42.**

Angels.

Colossians 2:18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of Angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

Departed spirits.

1 Samuel 28:14-15 And he said unto her, What form *is* he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he *is* covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it *was* Samuel, and he stooped with *his* face to the ground, and bowed himself. ¶ And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

Earthly creatures.

Romans 1:23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Images.

Deuteronomy 29:17 And ye have seen their abominations, and their Idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them:)

Also **Psalm 115:4; Isaiah 44:17.**

Temples built for.

Hosea 8:14 For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

Altars raised for.

1 Kings 18:26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

Also **Hosea 8:11.**

Accompanied by feasts.

2 Kings 10:20 And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it.

Also **1 Corinthians 10:27-28.**

OBJECTS OF, WORSHIPED

With sacrifices.

Numbers 22:40 And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the Princes that were with him.

Also **2 Kings 10:24.**

With libations.

Isaiah 57:6 Among the smooth stones of the stream is thy portion; they, they are thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these?

Also **Jeremiah 19:13.**

With incense.

Jeremiah 48:35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, saith the LORD, him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods.

With prayer.

1 Kings 18:26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

Also **Isaiah 44:17**.

With Singing and dancing.

Exodus 32:18-19 And he said, *It is* not the voice of *them that* shout for mastery, neither *is it* the voice of *them that* cry for being overcome: *but* the noise of *them that* sing do I hear. And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

Also **1 Kings 18:26**; **1 Corinthians 10:7**.

By bowing to them.

1 Kings 19:18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

Also **2 Kings 5:18**.

By kissing them.

1 Kings 19:18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

Also **Hosea 13:2**.

By kissing the hand to them.

Job 31:26-27 If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking *in* brightness; And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand:

By cutting the flesh.

1 Kings 18:28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

By burning children.

Deuteronomy 12:31 Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every Abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

Also **2 Chronicles 33:6**; **Jeremiah 19:4-5**.

In temples.

2 Kings 5:18 In this thing the LORD pardon thy Servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy Servant in this thing.

On high places.

Numbers 22:41 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people.

Also **Jeremiah 2:20**.

In Groves.

Exodus 34:13 But ye shall destroy their Altars, break their Images, and cut down their Groves:

Under trees.

Isaiah 57:5 Enflaming yourselves with Idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the clifts of the rocks?

Also **Jeremiah 2:20**.

In private houses.

Judges 17:4-5 Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred *shekels* of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah. And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

On the tops of houses.

2 Kings 23:12 And the Altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the Altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and brake them down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

Also **Zephaniah 1:5**.

In secret places.

Isaiah 57:8 Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered thyself to another than me, and Art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them; thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest it.

Rites of, obscene and impure.

Exodus 32:25 And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:)

Also **Numbers 25:1-3; 2 Kings 17:9; Isaiah 57:6,8-9; 1 Peter 4:3**.

Divination connected with.

2 Chronicles 33:6 And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to Anger.

Victims sacrificed in, often adorned with garlands.

Acts 14:13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

IDOLS, ect. MENTIONED IN SCRIPTURE;

Adrammelech.

2 Kings 17:31 And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

Anammelech.

2 Kings 17:31 And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

Ashima.

2 Kings 17:30 And the men of Babylon made Succothbenoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

Ashtoreth.

Judges 2:13 And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

Also **1 Kings 11:33**.

Baal.

Judges 2:11-13 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim: And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that *were* round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

Also **Judges 6:25**.

Baal-berith.

Judges 8:33 And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was Dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baalberith their god.

Also **Judges 9:4,46**.

Baal-peor.

Numbers 25:1-3 ¶ And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

Baal-zebub.

2 Kings 1:2 And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease.

Also **2 Kings 1:16**.

Baal-zephon.

Exodus 14:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baalzephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea.

Bel.

Jeremiah 50:2 Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her Idols are confounded, her Images are broken in pieces.

Also **Jeremiah 51:44**.

Chemosh.

Numbers 21:29 Woe to thee, Moab! thou Art undone, O people of Chemosh: he hath given his sons that escaped, and his daughters, into captivity unto Sihon king of the Amorites.

Also **1 Kings 11:33**.

Chiun.

Amos 5:26 But ye have borne The Tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your Images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves.

Dagon.

Judges 16:23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.

Also **1 Samuel 5:1-3**.

Diana.

Acts 19:24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;

Also **Acts 19:27**.

Huzzab.

Nahum 2:7 And Huzzab shall be led away captive, she shall be brought up, and her maids shall lead her as with the voice of doves, tabering upon their breasts.

Jupiter.

Acts 14:12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

Mercury.

Acts 14:12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

Molech or Milcom.

Leviticus 18:21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

Also **1 Kings 11:5,33**.

Merodach.

Jeremiah 50:2 Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her Idols are confounded, her Images are broken in pieces.

Nergal.

2 Kings 17:30 And the men of Babylon made Succothbenoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

Nebo.

Isaiah 46:1 Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their Idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages were heavy loaden; they are a burden to the weary beast.

Nibhaz and Tartak.

2 Kings 17:31 And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

Nisroch.

2 Kings 19:37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

Queen of heaven.

Jeremiah 44:17 But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our Fathers, our kings, and our Princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for then had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil.

Also **Jeremiah 44:25**.

Remphan.

Acts 7:43 Yea, ye took up The Tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

Rimmon.

2 Kings 5:18 In this thing the LORD pardon thy Servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy Servant in this thing.

Succoth-benoth.

2 Kings 17:30 And the men of Babylon made Succothbenoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

Tammuz.

Ezekiel 8:14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORDS' house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat Women weeping for Tammuz.

Objects of, carried in procession.

Isaiah 46:7 They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, one shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

Also **Amos 5:26; Acts 7:43.**

Early notice of, amongst God's professing people.

Genesis 31:19 And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the Images that were her Father's.

Also **Genesis 35:1-4; Joshua 24:2.**

THE JEWS

Practiced in Egypt.

Joshua 24:14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your Fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

Also **Ezekiel 23:3,19.**

Brought out of Egypt with them.

Ezekiel 23:8 Neither left she her Whoredoms brought from Egypt: for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the breasts of her virginity, and poured their Whoredom upon her.

Also **Acts 7:39-41.**

Forbidden to practice.

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Also **Exodus 23:24.**

Often mixed up with God's worship.

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Also **1 Kings 12:27-28**.

Followed the Canaanites in.

Judges 2:11-13 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim: And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that *were* round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

Also **1 Chronicles 5:25**.

Followed the Moabites in.

Numbers 25:1-3 ¶ And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

Followed the Assyrians in.

Ezekiel 16:28-30 Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied. Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith. How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these *things*, the work of an imperious whorish woman;

Also **Ezekiel 23:5-7**.

Followed the Syrians in.

Judges 10:6 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the LORD, and served not him.

Adopted by Solomon.

1 Kings 11:5-8 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as *did* David his father. Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that *is* before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

Adopted by the wicked kings.

1 Kings 21:26 And he did very abominably in following Idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

Also **2 Kings 21:21; 2 Chronicles 28:2-4; 33:3,7.**

Examples of the kings encouraged Israel in.

1 Kings 12:30 And this thing became a Sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan.

Also **2 Kings 21:11; 2 Chronicles 33:9.**

Great prevalence of, in Israel.

Isaiah 2:8 Their land also is full of Idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made:

Also **Jeremiah 2:28; Ezekiel 8:10.**

A virtual forsaking of God.

Jeremiah 2:9-13 ¶ Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and with your children's children will I plead. For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing. Hath a nation changed *their* gods, which *are* yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for *that which* doth not profit. Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, *and* hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

The good kings of Judah endeavored to destroy.

2 Chronicles 15:16 And also concerning Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an Idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her Idol, and stamped it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron.

Also **2 Chronicles 34:7.**

The captivity of Israel on account of.

2 Kings 17:6-18 In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. ¶ For *so* it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. And the children of Israel did secretly *those* things that *were* not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree: And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as *did* the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger: For they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing. Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, *and by* all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments *and* my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God. And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that *were* round about them, *concerning* whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them. And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, *even* two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

Captivity of Judah on account of.

2 Kings 17:19-23 Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drave Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin. For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them; Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.